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The Cleveland Museum of Art Premieres "The Ballad of Bering Strait" as Next Panorama Film

"It leaves them — no longer teenagers and far wiser in the ways of the music world."- TV Guide's Movie Guide

CLEVELAND (May 22, 2003) — The Cleveland Museum of Art's (CMA) next installment of the *Panorama: Moving Pictures at the Art Museum* series will be "The Ballad of Bering Strait" on Wednesday, June 4 and Friday, June 6, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Gartner Auditorium. The film is a documentary about a Russian country musical group and their journey from their homeland into the music world. The film is directed by Nina Gilden Seavey of George Washington University and lasts 98 minutes. Tickets are $7, $5 for CMA members, $3 for students and seniors and are available in advance by calling 1-216-421-7350 or 1-888-CMA-0033 or online @ www.clevelandart.org.

The film has recently been featured on "60 Minutes" and follows a group of Russian adolescents, including five young men and two young women. Originally from Obninsk, Russia post-communism, the group idolizes American country music and they form their own country music band after being introduced to the ways of the Blue Grass by a local music teacher. Fearing their aspirations to be famous country musicians in Mother Russia will never be met, the group now known as Bering Strait travel to the United States to make it in the capital of country music, Nashville, Tenn. They are signed by a major label and begin their journey through the complex world of country.

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